



SCRIPTURE MEMORY — FELLOWSHIP —

April 2017

“O LORD, revive Your work in the midst of the years!” Habakkuk 3:2

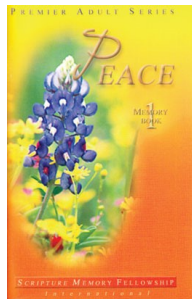
Tough times...

- ♦ **“Christian Student Population at Yale Drops to 13”**
- ♦ **“Only 10 Percent of U.S. Claim Local Church Membership”**
- ♦ **“Western United States Devoid of Christian Influence”**

Headlines from 2017? Actually these reports come from about 1795, but God’s Word changed everything! Read below for the rest of the story... but in the meantime, would you pray for SMF?

Our current deficit: \$9,349.

Upcoming Expenses:



- ⇒ **Reprinting of Peace Memory Book—ca. \$1500**
- ⇒ **New App Home Page—ca. \$3500**
- ⇒ **Camp Scholarships—\$100 per memorizer**
- ⇒ **Fall 2017 Jonah memorization program—\$25 per memorizer**
- ⇒ **SMF Vehicle Maintenance (approaching 200K miles!)—\$1000**

In 1795 when Timothy Dwight (pictured), Jonathan Edwards’ grandson, became president of Yale, popular French philosophes like Voltaire and American skeptics like Thomas Paine were all the rage; the Bible was disbelieved. For six months Dwight preached, demolishing arguments against the Bible’s accuracy and building a thorough case for its truth. God blessed. Revival followed. Seven years later, one third of Yale’s student body professed faith in Christ. Zeal for holiness and missions spread. The Second Great Awakening was born. **A renewed passion for God’s Word led the way!**



America needs a Third Great Awakening. “Our nation has ceased to recognize the religion of the Bible as at the center of our moral imagination, and as the source of the common good” (Rod Dreher). What is a Bible-believing Christian to do about the prospect of a post-Christian nation? Withdraw into monastic silos to preserve biblical values? **Or dare to believe that God’s Word, planted strategically and obeyed broadly, can change hearts, nations, and cultures?** God has done it before!

His Word has the same power it had in 1795. The Gospel is **“the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes.... For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith...”** (Rom. 1:16-17). **“Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you”** (1 Pet. 1:25).

Scripture Memory Fellowship exists to plant His powerful Word, which cannot be broken (John 10:35).

What's Going On in SMF



T-shirts for Travel Raises over \$1100

Covering the cost of workshops, exhibit space, travel, and literature was the focus of our recent T-shirt campaign—the purchase of 63 shirts has raised \$1150 to date. Praise the Lord and thank you all! Because of these gifts, we will be able to talk with hundreds more about a plan for memorizing Scripture. A limited number of these shirts featuring Psalm 119:1-108 are still available for \$20. Call or e-mail to check on sizes.

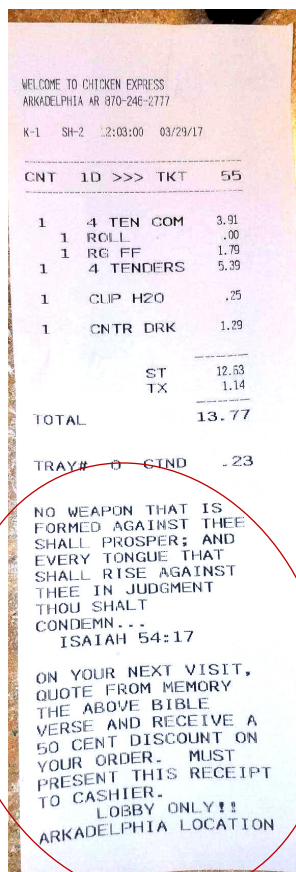
Camp's Around the Corner! July 3-8, 2017

Motivate your memorizers! Children and youth earn a great week of piney woods fun and joyful fellowship by memorizing Scripture. Camp teachers include Don & Debbie Vasser, John Rouse, and Jim Woychuk. Come enjoy Morning Watch by the Lake each morning, the “Gator Glide” zipline, “Bayou Beans” coffee shop, and the 2nd annual SMF Ping Pong Tourney. Held at Southland Christian Camp, Ringgold LA. Registration now open, due by May 15th. \$25 deposit per camper required. Register at scripturememory.com/camps or call 888.569.2560.



Brilliant!

On their way to the Nashville *Teach Them Diligently Convention*, Dakota and Laura Lynch could not help but admire the biblical vision of the Chicken Express franchise in Arkadelphia, Arkansas! Should we imitate this?



Upcoming Events

March 30-April 1 Homeschool Fair, Nashville, TN
 April 7-8 SMF Board Meeting, Dallas, TX
 April 20-22 Homeschool Fair, Cincinnati, OH
 May 11-13 Homeschool Fair, Arlington, TX
 July 3-8 Scripture Memory Camp, Ringgold, LA
 July 13-15 Homeschool Convention, St. Louis, MO
 July 20-22 Homeschool Convention, Woodlands, TX
 August Launch of Jonah memorization program
 Sept. 22-23 Sermon on the Mount Retreat, Ringgold, LA
 Oct. 14 Scriptorium on the Border, El Paso, TX
 See www.scriptoriums.com for an event nearer you.

Please do keep us in prayer, that God would be glorified in the treasuring of His Word!

Much grace to each of you,


 Jim Woychuk